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Committee: General Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act;
- 2 to amend section 9-607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
- 3 change restrictions on keno; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 9-607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 9-607 (1) Lottery shall mean a gambling scheme in which:

4 (a) The players pay or agree to pay something of value for an
5 opportunity to win;

6 (b) Winning opportunities are represented by tickets;

7 (c) Winners are solely determined by one of the following two
8 methods:

9 (i) By a random drawing of tickets differentiated by sequential
10 enumeration from a receptacle by hand whereby each ticket has an equal
11 chance of being chosen in the drawing; or

12 (ii) By use of a game known as keno in which a player selects up to
13 twenty numbers from a total of eighty numbers on a paper ticket and a
14 computer, other electronic selection device, or electrically operated
15 blower machine which is not player-activated randomly selects up to
16 twenty numbers from the same pool of eighty numbers and the winning
17 players are determined by the correct matching of the numbers on the
18 paper ticket selected by the players with the numbers randomly selected
19 by the computer, other electronic selection device, or electrically
20 operated blower machine, except that ~~(A) no keno game shall permit or~~
21 ~~require player activation of lottery equipment and (B) the random~~
22 ~~selection of numbers by the computer, other electronic selection device,~~
23 ~~or electrically operated blower machine shall not occur within five~~
24 ~~minutes of the completion of the previous selection of random numbers;~~
25 and

26 (d) The holders of the winning paper tickets are to receive cash or
27 prizes redeemable for cash. Selection of a winner or winners shall be
28 predicated solely on chance.

29 (2) Lottery shall not include:

30 (a) Any gambling scheme which uses any mechanical gaming device,
31 computer gaming device, electronic gaming device, or video gaming device

1 which has the capability of awarding something of value, free games
2 redeemable for something of value, or tickets or stubs redeemable for
3 something of value;

4 (b) Any activity authorized or regulated under the Nebraska Bingo
5 Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card
6 Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery
7 Act, section 9-701, or Chapter 2, article 12; or

8 (c) Any activity prohibited under Chapter 28, article 11.

9 (3) Notwithstanding the requirement in subdivision (1)(c)(ii) of
10 this section that a player select up to twenty numbers, a player may
11 select more than twenty numbers on a paper ticket when a top or bottom,
12 left or right, edge, or way ticket is played. For a top or bottom ticket,
13 the player shall select all numbers from one through forty or all numbers
14 from forty-one through eighty. For a left or right ticket, the player
15 shall select all numbers ending in one through five or all numbers ending
16 in six through zero. For an edge ticket, the player shall select all of
17 the numbers comprising the outside edge of the ticket. For a way ticket,
18 the player shall select a combination of groups of numbers in multiple
19 ways on a single ticket.

20 (4) A county, city, or village conducting a keno lottery shall
21 designate the method of winning number selection to be used in the
22 lottery and submit such designation in writing to the department prior to
23 conducting a keno lottery. Only those methods of winning number selection
24 described in subdivision (1)(c)(ii) of this section shall be permitted,
25 and the method of winning number selection initially utilized may only be
26 changed once during that business day as set forth in the designation. A
27 county, city, or village shall not change the method or methods of
28 winning number selection filed with the department or allow it to be
29 changed once such initial designation has been made unless (a) otherwise
30 authorized in writing by the department based upon a written request from
31 the county, city, or village or (b) an emergency arises in which case a

1 ball draw method of number selection would be switched to a number
2 selection by a random number generator. An emergency situation shall be
3 reported by the county, city, or village to the department within twenty-
4 four hours of its occurrence.

5 Sec. 2. Original section 9-607, Reissue Revised Statutes of
6 Nebraska, is repealed.